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(e) of all the buildings at Mettur, how many are of a substantial nature, what they are and what the original cost of constructing them was?

A.—(a) & (b) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to clauses (e), (f) and (g) of question No. 467, dated 23rd January 1935, and the statement which was furnished to him on 12th March 1935, with reference to the answer given to the supplementary question No. 844 of the same date. Later information is not available with Government. Such of the buildings as are vacant after the requirements of Government have been met will be sold or let out on rent to private persons if there is a demand for them.

(c) The buildings were intended to be only of a temporary nature.

(d) These buildings also will be dealt with as indicated in the answer to clauses (a) and (b) above.

(e) There are 14 buildings costing between Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 10,000 and 15 costing above Rs. 10,000. Information as to what they are and what the capital cost of each is, is not available with Government.

Interest realized on the capital outlay on the Cauvery Delta system.

* 505 Q.—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what is the total capital expenditure on the Cauvery Delta system; and

(b) what interest they expected to derive on the capital invested and what interest they are now actually getting?

A.—(a) Rs. 78,41,754 to the end of 1933–34.

(b) It is impossible to say what return was originally expected on the capital invested as the construction estimates of the Cauvery Delta Works were not accompanied by forecast statements and though these construction estimates were closed important works have been sanctioned from time to time and expenditure of a capital nature is incurred every year. The return for 1933–34 was 10·7 per cent on the total capital outlay.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know if the Hon. Member will try to give us the information about the original scheme and what rate of interest they expected on it so that the House may know what rate the Government are actually collecting on the Cauvery-Mettur Project and people may know, whenever additional taxation is imposed, whether the present rate is much greater than what it was?"

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The Hon. Mr. C. A. SOUTER:—" I do not quite understand the question. I may state generally that it is impossible for Government to give any exact figure of expenditure on the Cauvery delta for this reason that this system was constructed by the ancient Hindu Rajas long before Government took possession. What was spent then we do not know and it must only be a matter of conjecture."

Progress of the scheme for the construction of a tank across the Kaveri Vagu, Nellore district.

* 506 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the stage reached in the construction of a new tank across Kaveri Vagu in Gundimadakala village, Udayagiri taluk, Nellore district?

A.—Plans and estimates have been received by Government. The scheme is being considered in connexion with the next year's budget.

Representations for diversion of water into the Badathalav tank, Salem district.

* 507 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether representations have been received from the pattadars under the Badathalav tank ayacut in Krishnagiri taluk of Salem district in or about July last either by the Government or by the District Collector or any of the local officials praying for the diversion of water from the Markandeya river, or from the jungle stream in Narlapalli reserve forest through Chakanayur tank, to the said Badathalav tank to provide adequate supply for irrigation; and

(*b*) if so, what action has been taken thereon and what the Government propose to do with the schemes suggested?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) A petition, dated 20th July 1935, was received by Government and forwarded to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation. The scheme for the diversion of water from the Markandeya river was abandoned in 1926 on financial grounds. The Chief Engineer (Irrigation) will submit a report on the other scheme if he considers it feasible.

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Penalty for raising fodder crops in the delta taluks of the Nellore district.

* 508 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to the supplementary question to question No. 108 answered on 7th August 1935—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the report which they undertook to call for from the Collector of Nellore; and